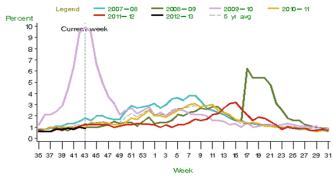
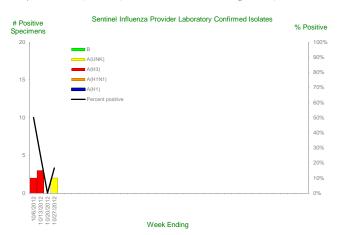


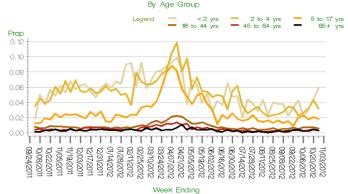
Influenza continues to be detected at low levels in King County. Initial positive specimens from outpatient surveillance have been identified as influenza A(H3). The proportion of emergency department visits attributed to influenza-like illness continued to increase among children under the age of 2 during week 43. Rhinovirus and parainfluenza have been the predominant circulating viruses identified by the University of Washington Virology laboratory in recent weeks.

	Data for this week	Cumulative data this season since October 1, 2011
Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Deaths	0	0
King County Outpatient Sentinel Influenza Providers		
Specimens Submitted	12	32
Proportion Positive for Influenza	16.7%	Season Peak: 50.0%
A (H1)	0	0
A (H3)	0	5
A (Unknown)	2	2
В	0	0
Hospital Laboratory Influenza Rapid Antigen Test Submission	ns	
Number of Labs Reporting	6	Weekly Average: 8
Number of Specimens Submitted	110	Weekly Average: 114
Proportion of Tests Positive for Influenza	5.5%	Season Peak: 5.5%
Hospital Emergency Department (ED) Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI)		
Proportion of Visits Due to ILI	0.9%	Season Peak: 1.0%
Percent of All King County Deaths Due to Pneumonia and Influenza (P & I)	3.6%	-
National Epidemic Threshold	6.4%	# Weeks Threshold Exceeded: 0
Respiratory Disease Outbreaks at Long-Term Care Facilities (LCTFs)	0	0
Laboratory-Confirmed LTCF Influenza Outbreaks	0	0
Weekly Percent of ED Visits for ILI by Year		Weekly Proportion of ED Visits for Influenza—Like Illness



All ages
Note: 5 yr avg excludes the current season and the 2009 H1N1 pandemic period
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Resources

Additional Flu Information, Resources and Surveillance: www.kingcounty.gov/health/flu

UW Virology Laboratory Respiratory Virus Surveillance: http://depts.washington.edu/rspvirus/documents/VD2012-13.pdf

Washington State Influenza Surveillance Update: www.doh.wa.gov/EHSPHL/Epidemiology/CD/fluupdate.pdf

National Influenza Update: www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/

Global Influenza Update: www.who.int/csr/disease/influenza/en/